

(b) if so, whether Government have issued necessary orders in this regard; and

(c) by when the construction work is expected to be taken up and the over-bridges completed for traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The work of Road Over Bridge at Hafeezpet has been sanctioned on cost sharing basis. No proposal has been received from the State Govt, for construction of Road Over Bridge at Bollaram station.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) For Hafeezpet Road Over Bridge, drawings have been sent to State Government for approval and detailed estimate is under preparation. The work will be taken up after approval of drawings, sanction of the estimate and start of the work on approaches by State Government.

Expenditure in various Departments of Railways

3159. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the percentage of expenditure incurred on general administration, railway operation, railway maintenance, production regarding Railways and other social obligation during 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): For grouping Working Expenses on Railways, the term Production regarding Railways & Other Social obligation is not used, the corresponding term appropriate for the purpose is Staff welfare. Retirement Benefits &

Miscellaneous. The percentage Expenditure on different groups of Working Expenses during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 is given below:—

Description			(in percentage)		
	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000		
General Superintendence & Services	5.52	5.48	5.40		
Repairs & Maintenance	34.04	33.31	33.4		
Operation	52.25	52.53	8		
Staff welfare, retirement benefits & Misc.	8.19	8.68	52.4		
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Merger of NISCOM and INSDOC

3160. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the report of the CSIR Review Committee with Abid Hussain as Chairman, had recommended to merge National Institute of Science communication, formerly PID and Indian National Scientific Documentation Centre, to enable consolidation of information service around a strong National Science Library;
- (b) whether the above recommendation has been accepted;
- (c) if so, the details of action taken; and
- (d) if not, the reasons for the rejection thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) Yes Sir, the Abid Hussain Committee in its Report of 1986 had *inter-alia* recommended that PID and INSDOC should be merged as this would consolidate information service around a strong National Science Library, a networked anticipatory information service and a translation service. The Abid Hussain Committee report was remitted by the then Prime Minister of India to the Science Advisory Council (SAC) to the Prime Minister for their observation. In regard to the merger, SAC has suggested that the purpose of INSDOC should be re-examined. These recommendations were considered by the CSIR Society,